



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Application No.: 09/973,280

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For: **NON-LINEAR FLOW RESTRICTOR FOR  
A MEDICAL ASPIRATION SYSTEM**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 24, 2003, please amend the above-entitled application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 6 and 21 as follows.

1. (Amended) A medical aspiration system, comprising:  
  
a pump; and,  
  
a non-linear flow restrictor coupled to said pump, said non-linear flow restrictor maintains an essentially same diameter during a variation in pump pressure.
  
6. (Amended) A medical cutting system, comprising:  
  
a handpiece;  
  
a cutting element attached to said handpiece;  
  
a pump coupled to said handpiece; and,  
  
a non-linear flow restrictor coupled to said pump and said handpiece, said non-linear flow restrictor maintains an essentially same diameter during a variation in pump pressure.